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SUBJECT: FRENCH NEWSPAPER PRINTS LIST OF ALLEGED CIA
PERSONNEL IN PARIS

1. SUMMARY: FRENCH LEFTIST DAILY NEWSPAPER LIBERATION
TUESDAY PUBLISHED PURPORTED LIST OF 32 CIA PERSONNEL
WORKING OUT OF PARIS EMBASSY, WITH ACCOMPANYING STORIES
ON ALLEGED CIA PARIS MODUS OPERANDI. END SUMMARY.

2. PAGE ONE STORY, HEADLINED "AFTER A THREE MONTH
INVESTIGATION, 32 AGENTS OF THE CIA IN PARIS IDENTIFIED,"
NOTED THAT THE PAPER'S INFORMATION HAD BEEN PREPARED BY
A TEAM OF NEWSMEN USING METHODS PERFECTED BY AMERICANS
FED UP WITH "THE CLANDESTINE INTERVENTIONS OF THEIR
GOVERNMENT AND CONVINCED THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO
KNOW WHO COMES TO HIS HOME TO FOMENT DIRTY COUPS." IT
NOTES THAT SIMILAR LISTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN OTHER
COUNTRIES, AND THAT THE ITALIAN PRESS WAS SOON GOING TO
PUBLISH A LIST OF 45 "BARBOUZES" (SPIES) POSING AS
DIPLOMATS IN ROME. THE STORY REJECTED COMPLAINTS THAT
PUBLICATION OF SUCH LISTS ENDANGERED LIVES, SAYING: "WE
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ARE NOT COPS, AND DO NOT WISH THE DEATH OF ANYONE. BUT

HAVING SAID THAT, THE UNILATERAL SENTIMENTALITY OF THE MEN WHO COLDLY PREPARED THE ASSASSINATION OF PATRICE LUMUMBA AND THE FALL OF SALVATORE ALLENDE IS NOT VERY CONCINCING."

3. PARE 3 CARRIES STORY HEADED " THE PARIS TEAM OF THE CIA". WHICH REPORTS THAT THE CIA IN THE PARIS EMBASSY IS DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL SECTIONS, CALLED REGIONAL REPORTS OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, AND REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, WITH OFFICES ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS OF A AND B BUILDINGS. IT GOES ON TO DISCUSS WHAT VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE AGENCY SUPPOSEDLY DO IN PARIS AND TO NAME OFFICIALS SUPPOSED TO HOLD KEY FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS LATIN AMERICAN SPECIALSIT, MIDDLE EAST SPECIALIST, ETC. THE STORY GIVES BIO DATA ON SEVERAL OF THOSE NAMED WHICH APPARENTLY CAME FROM THE BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER OR SIMILAR PUBLICATIONS. STILL ANOTHER P. 3 STORY EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "OPERATIONS OFFICERS" WORKING IN THE EMBASSY AND "AGENTS" AND NOTES THAT THE NUMBER OF "AGENTS" WORKING ON THE OUTSIDE PROBABLY INCLUDES PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONALITIES AND RUNS INTO THE HUNDREDS.

4. THE NAMES LISTED IN THIS EDITION (WITH MORE PROMISED FOR WEDNESDAY'S EDITION) ARE: EUGEN F. BURGSTALLER, JOHN A. BERG, CHARLES J. CUSIK, OLEG SELSKY, MICHAEL J. BERGER, DONALD J. HEALEY, HOWARD W. BOVEE, PAUL NYHUS, JULIUS W. FRIEND, DOMINIC TACCONELLI, SYLVESTER FARREL, JOHN C. PLATT III, DAVID DUBERMAN, GARY M. WILLIAMS, NANCY A. FARRELL, DALE CHOUKALOS, JOHN SCOTT RACKHAM, SALLY MARIE DOWNEY, JOAN C. EATON, DORTHY H. BAIRD, ANN C. DONOVAN, JUDITH A. MILLER, NANCY E. DORVAL, EVALENA S. VIDAL, ANNA DER-VARTANIAN, GAIL STARR. FURTHER, UNDER "COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS," ARE LISTED PAUL GELINAS, DONALD SABOE, GRAHAM J. FLING III, DONALD C. BONIN, JOSEPH L. COVIELLO, AND JAMES G. MURPHY.

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DOZENS OF QUERIES, SOME OF THEM QUITE INSISTENT, FROM NEWSMEN SEEKING INFORMATION OR COMMENT. WE HAVE STUCK FIRMLY TO "NO COMMENT" LINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFERRING NEWSMEN TO APPROPRIATE SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE ALSO DECLINED REQUESTS TO HAVE "NO COMMENT" STATEMENT RECORDED ON TAPE OR FILM. WE HAVE SAID, IN ANSWER TO QUERY, THAT SOME 450 AMERICANS WORK IN THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN PARIS, AND THAT SOME 90 OF THESE ARE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST.

6. COMMENT: ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN

TODAY'S STORY ARE NO LONGER ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY.
ALTHOUGH TOMORROW'S LIBERATION PROMISES TO CARRY
ANOTHER 28 NAMES, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT A ONE
YEAR OLD EMBASSY PHONE BOOK MAY HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL
SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATIONS ALLEGED.

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